

Application No. 9/885,495
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for selling rental cars automobiles over a computer network while the rental cars are still available for rent, the method comprising:

storing a listing of automobiles rental cars for sale on a database coupled to a server computer, the server computer coupled to the computer network, wherein the rental cars are simultaneously available for rent as part of a rental car inventory while listed for sale on the database, owned by rental car company and available for sale, the automobiles continuously available for use as a rental car while listed for sale;

making the listing of automobiles rental cars accessible to a client computer coupled to the computer network over the computer network; and

receiving a buy request at the server computer from the client computer for an automobile from the listing of automobiles.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a buy request results from comprises receiving a winning bid in an auction.

3. Cancelled

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a buy request comprises receiving a buy request from a buyer at a kiosk.

5-8. Cancelled

9. (Previously Presented) A server computer coupled to a computer network A system for selling rental cars over a computer network comprising:

a server operable to , the server computer programmed to:

store a listing of rental cars available for sale by an asset reseller while the rental cars are simultaneously part of a rental car fleet owned by a party other than the asset reseller and

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available for use rent as part of the rental car fleet, the listing of rental cars stored in a database coupled to the server a rental-car;

receive a search request from a client computer coupled to the computer network;

provide at least part of the listings listing of rental cars to the client computer in response to the search request a buyer; and

receive a buy request request to buy for a rental car from the listing of rental cars provided to the client computer available from the buyer.

10. (Previously Presented) The system server computer of claim 9, wherein the server computer is further programmed to receive bids for one of the rental cars from the list of rental cars from one or more client computers coupled to the computer network and to complete a sales transaction with a winner bidder buy request is a winning bid in an auction.

11. Cancelled

12. (Previously Presented) The system server computer of claim 9, wherein the search request is received from buyer is using a kiosk coupled to the computer network to view the listing of the rental cars.

13-18 Cancelled

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
receiving a search request from a buyer; and
returning a subset of the listing of automobiles satisfying the search request.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of making the listing available over the computer network further comprises making the listing of automobiles available over the Internet.

21-25. Withdrawn

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26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) A method for selling rental cars that are part of a rental car fleet and available for rent as a rental car when also available for sale, the method comprising:

storing a listing of rental cars for sale on a database coupled to a server computer operated by a asset seller, the server computer coupled to the computer network, wherein the rental cars are simultaneously available for rent as part of a rental car inventory owned by a party other than the asset seller while listed for sale on the database, and

making the listing of rental cars accessible to a client computer coupled to the computer network over the computer network.

28. (New) The method of claim 27 further comprising the step of receiving a buy request at the server computer from the client computer coupled to the computer network

29. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of receiving bids for a rental car from the listing of rental cars.